working of the Committee. I have a plan for the constitution of the Committe and I also know that the members of the Committee should be co-operators of our State who know something about the working of the co-operative system in our State.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What is the reference that you are going to make before the Committee? We want to know something about that.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* 1. To ascertain the present condition of the co-operative movement in the State in its various forms, and activities, especially with regard to cottage industries and agricultural, marketing and rural development in general. 2. To examine thoroughly its defects and suggest measures to remove them. 3. To make recommendations as to the ways and means of improving the conditions of individual societies and of the movement as a whole. 4. And, to make such other recommendations or any other aspect or aspects of the movement which they think to be of importance.

Demand put and carried

2. Rs. 12,000 under 24 Public Health A—2-Rural Sanitation—Supplies and Services—Charges for prevention of epidemics.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 12,000 under 24—Public Health, A-2, Rural Sanitation, Supplies and Services, charges for prevention of epidemics. A sum of Rs. 1,200 has been provided under the head, Prevention of Epidemics, in the current year's budget. There is only a balance of Rs. 800 in the sanctioned allotment now. It is estimated that a sum of Rs. 12,000 more will be required under the head to meet unforeseen items of expenditure necessitated on account of plague preventive measures at Mattancheri and Trichur. Since there is no provision for this, an additional allotment is necessary. Hence I request that this additional allotment may kindly be granted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Was there plague in Mattancheri?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, there were two cases.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* On a point of information, why do you say Rural Sanitation?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is the heading in the budget.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* You say Rural Sanitation and you say money is to be spent for Trichur and Mattancheri. I want to know why that head comes under rural sanitation.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Government will have to meet the whole expenditure; municipalities are not spending.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* The point is this—we do not consider Trichur and Mattancheri as rural areas.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Health Officers of the Municipalities are under the Minister. So, naturally, the Minister for Rural Development has to look to these things.

Mr. President: The Finance Member may open a separate head in the Budget.

Demand put and carried

3. Rs. 1,200 under "12—Registration—O—Miscellaneous"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,200 under "12—Registration—O. Miscellaneous." This amount is required to appoint a few clerks to write up the Sirkar Land Registers in the Registration Department. I request that this amount may kindly be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

4. Rs. 1,000 under "14—1—Huzur Secretariat—Telegram Charges"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretaryt o Government):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under, "14—1, Huzur Secretariat—Telegraphic Charges". I request that this amount may kindly be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

5. Rs. 4,668 under "26—2—Printing Miscellaneous"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for a sum of Rs. 4,668 under "26—2, Printing Miscellaneous." This is the amount required to pay Insurance Charges on the Government Press. We are insuring the Government Press under the War

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Risks Insurance Scheme, and this is the amount that we require for the payment of premium for this year and the early part of next year.

Demand put and carried

6. Rs. 147 under "31—Industries and Commerce—Reserved A—Direction and Inspection—Miscellaneous"

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 147 under "31—Industries and Commerce—Reserved A—Direction and Inspection Miscellaneous." It is for installing a phone in the office of the Director of Industries and Commerce.

Demand put and carried

7. Rs. 1,250 under "31—Industries and Commerce—Reserved A—Direction and Inspection—Miscellaneous"

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 1,250 under "31—Industries and Commerce, Reserved—A—Direction and Inspection, Miscellaneous". It is for paying the premium under the War Risks Insurance Scheme for the Potteries at Chalakkudi.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: I rise to oppose this motion. It was not my original intention to seek to throw out this demand altogether. I just wanted to discuss the policy of the Government in this matter and with that end in view. I had sent notice of a cut motion on this demand and I do not know why it has not found a place in the agenda. As a member of the Standing Finance Committee, I bear my own part of the responsibility in having got this item passed. During the deliberation of that Committee, I had the privilege of offering a few remarks in this matter and I am surprised to find those remarks not recorded in the printed proceedings of that Committee. So, I have no other go but to seek to oppose this demand outright. But, on a reconsideration of the matter, Sir, I feel I am justified in opposing this demand. But before seeking to explain to the House why I feel in the matter in this way, I wish to have a few points of information from the Government. May I know, Sir, whether the Government have tried to pursuade the present lessees to pay this premium for insuring the Chalakkudi Potteries?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: We have not asked them.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: I am for insuring the Potteries, and I am not against it. May I know whether the period of the original lease deed has expired recently?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It has been extended for another 17 years.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: When was it extended?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: I protest against the absence of a sense of responsibility on the part of the Government in this matter. The Hon'ble Joint Secretary wants notice when such an important matter is under discussion in the House. I record my protest, Sir. Then, may I know whether any changes have been made in the conditions and terms of the agreement, and whether the Government have given the matter wide publicity? Have the Government entered into the agreement on the same terms and conditions?

Mr. President: The question that we are considering now, is the War Risks Insurance.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: I bow to the decision of the Chair.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Before we go further, I rise to a point of order. The Hon'ble Member is opposing the motion; but he has said that he is not against the insurance of the Potteries. Thereby he is saying that Rs. 1,250 should not be given; at the same time he is not against insuring. He is saying that the lessees should pay.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: I want certain information from the Government. I am on that. Later on I shall explain to you why I oppose this demand. Big matters of principle are involved; wait and see.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: The point is this. When a member opposes the motion, at the same time he says that he is not against it, a ruling is required.

Mr. President: The point is the Company should pay and not the Government.

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